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SUBJECT: LIBYAN REQUEST FOR FAA TRAINING

REF: TRIPOLI 1047

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE LIBYAN CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (CAA) REQUESTS 38 WEEKS OF TRAINING IN AIRWAYS FACILITIES FOR SIX LIBYAN CAA EMPLOYEES AT THE FAA ACADEMY. EMBASSY REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS FOR A RESPONSE. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING EMBASSY OFFICER'S CALL ON LIBYAN CAA DIRECTOR OF TRAINING KHALIFA SHABAN JULY 27, LATTER REQUESTED AIRWAYS-FACILITIES TRAINING AT FAA ACADEMY FOR SIX CAA EMPLOYEES AND GAVE US NAMES OF STUDENTS AND COURSES DESIRED AS LISTED IN FINAL PARAGRAPH BELOW. TOTAL OF 38 WEEKS OF TRAINING IS DESIRED (IN SCHEDULED COURSES, NOT SPECIAL TUTORIAL CLASS), TO BE PRECEDED BY 14 WEEKS OF ENGLISH TRAINING WHICH THE LIBYANS WOULD ARRANGE PRIVATELY AS CUSTOMARY. TIMING IS NOT PRECISE BUT CONTEMPLATES LANGUAGE TRAINING COMMENCING THIS FALL AND FAA COURSES STARTING EARLY NEXT YEAR IF FAA CAN ACCOMMODATE. SHABAN'S REQUEST WAS DENDORSED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CAA IN SEPARATE MEETING. SHABAN SAID THIS WAS THE INITIAL APPROACH FOR THIS TRAINING, AND THAT FAA HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED. EMBASSY OFFICER UNDERTOOK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO TRANSMIT REQUEST TO WASHINGTON BUT MADE NO COMMITMENT AS TO OUTCOME.

2. WE RECOMMEND THIS REQUEST BE APPROVED. ACCORDING TO OUR COUNT, AIR CONDITIONING/REFRIGERATION GROUP NOW AT ACADEMY SHOULD COMPLETE THEIR COURSE ABOUT NOVEMBER 17 AND AIRWAYS-FACILITIES GROUP ABOUT JANUARY 12. THE

PROPOSED THREE-MAN RADIO-ENGINEER GROUP (TRIPOLI 1008)
AND THIS NEW GROUP PROBABLY CANNOT START THEIR TRAINING
UNTIL AFTER THOSE NOW AT ACADEMY HAVE LEFT, MEANING
THAT ONLY A MODEST NUMBER OF LIBYANS WILL BE ENROLLED
IN FAA ACADEMY AT ANY GIVEN TIME. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
THAT TRAINING OF CAA EMPLOYEES IS PUBLICLY DEFENSIBLE
ON AVIATION SAFETY GROUNDS FOR AS LONG AS SIZEABLE
NUMBERS OF AMERICANS ARE LIVING HERE.

3. FOLLOWING ARE NAMES OF PROPOSED STUDENTS AND DATA ON REQUESTED COURSES:

ABDUL-GHADER ABDUL-MAGID ABULGHASEM HAMIDA ABDALLA SALEH ALI MUFTAH ABDUL-MAGID GIAMAL-ADDIN YAHYA AL-BARUNA ABDALLA MOHAMED MURAD ALI MOHAMED FEZANI

COURSE NO. DESCRIPTION LENGTH

40231 DME 4 WEEKS

40233 ILS CONCEPTS 2 WEEKS

40214ADVANCED ILS/VOR PRINCIPLES3 WEEKS40215V.H.F. OMNIRANGE EQUIPMENT3 WEEKS44509SOLID STATE DEVICES4 WEEKS

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40010 COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT 9 WEEKS

40230VOR SOLID STATE4 WEEKS40248DME WILCOX2 WEEKS40200TACAN PRINCIPLES7 WEEKS

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